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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- THESE LAST FOUR YEARS

With our term of office drawing to a close, I am sure all of the Executive Board in looking back on these four busy and eventful years can feel proud of our record of service and growth. It was a cooperative effort and without everyone's help it could not have been possible--so a big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. I can say that I have never asked anyone to help and was 'let down'. We have grown from some 50 to almost 300 members, andthis is due to our activities and enthusiasm.....I know that many members thought that most of our Executive Board should be retained, and I am sure some who were not renominated would have been willing to serve again. In asking that I not be renominated I also expressed my feeling that many new members should be brought into the organization, for new members mean, new ideas and new ideas mean, continued growth and service.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Joe Brown #95, Jack Martin #152, and Hal Ottaway #35, had a difficult job but came up with a superb group of candidates to guide the APIC these next two years. Let me say just a little about each of our new officers to be: Ferd O'Brien as President, is a natural, he has worked closely with me these last three years and we have much the same ideas of what the APIC should be, and what it should do for its members. Ferd has been a real worker and a great right arm. Charles Williams #121, our Central Area V. P. had been Chairman of our Candidates of all Parties Research project, which was completed last year and one of our outstanding accomplishments. At present he is Chairman of our 'Hopeful' Research Committee. Wayne LaPoe #23, our new Western Area V. P. was instrumental in the preparation of the APIC Code of Ethics and was Co-chairman with Steve Bibler #138, of our second auction. Kenton Broyles #129, our new Eastern Area V. P. was helpful with the Davis and Cox projects and was chairman of our fourth auction. You can see that each have been active members and we can look to our three V. P.'s for real team effort. We don't want to forget our new Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Sterling #173, Bob is a teacher and an active correspondent. Anything Bob does he does well and I know you will like him very much...let's be real cooperative for its a big job and you can help make it a pleasure, rather than a chore.

Once again I publicly want to thank the members of the APIC Executive Board. To each of you who have served with me, a sincere THANK YOU. We can also look back some nineteen years to the founding of the APIC and offer a vote of gratitude to that group of pioneers. Especially to Joe Fuld #1, and Monroe D. Ray #3, who were President and Secretary Treasurer and still carry that title 'Emeritus'....both are still in our ranks and very much interested in our hobby and the APIC. With everyone's efforts and help, the years just ahead can make our gains and accomplishmets look mighty small...I am sure we can count on you, just as you can count on your new officers to work for a greater APIC.

APIC LUNCHEON IN SAN FRANCISCO

It was a beautiful, cool, breezy day in San Francisco and Hank Michalski #226, had arranged for those APIC who could, to meet at the entrance to the dealer tent area at the Hilton Hotel (The Republican National Committee Headquarters Hotel) on Thursday noon. Those attending in addition to Hank were Mrs. Jack Converse #107, (Portland, Oregon), Harold R. Newman #274, (Santa Rosa, Calif.); Ed Rochette #247, (Iola, Wisconsin); Tom Stagg #228, (Shreveport, La.) (incidently Tom is Republican State Chairman from Louisiana); Tom Thorner #37, (San Francisco) and your President. After a round of introductions and swapping of items, we had a discussion of APIC affairs. It seems most were well pleased and would especially like to see current unusual items made available to the members in much the manner of the Prohibition jugate, which was sent with the previous KEYNOTER. It was a great get together and to the others who sent their regrets, maybe we can do it again four years from now.....

PUBLICITY AND DISPLAYS

Mrs. Ellis Gay #7, one of our charter members, had a nice article about her collection, along with a color photo in the Rochester (NY) Democrat & Chronical, Sunday March 22nd. Mrs. Gay has a fine representative collection but specializes in items that were used to woe the woman voter, she especially likes a women's parasol of Benjamin Harrison. Incidentially Mrs. Gay will be on the program at our Hartford Convention, telling us about her extensive collection of Woman Suffrage items plus a little of the color and trials of this movement which culminated with the Nineteenth Ammendment and the vote in 1920... Hank Michalski #226, and Chick Harris #139, both had window displays in San Francisco during the Republican Convention and both were real crowd stoppers. Hank has had several good leads, and he is already lining up something for November,.....The Denver Area APIC collectors are really an active and enthusiastic group and have been working together to enhance their collections. There had been several collectors in the Denver Area for some years but they had not known of the APIC nor did they know of one another, finally they heard of APIC and of one another and they got together and pooled their collections for a window display which Jackie Kitchen, wife of Ronald Kitchen, #218, tells us in the following story:

REAL APIC COOPERATION

Political items belonging to four APIC members of the Denver Area were displayed May 11 through 22, in the lobby of the Denver U. S. Bank. The members taking part in the display were: Mrs. Don Friedman #277, wife of a Colorado Republican State Representative, Mrs Arnold Alperstein #298, wife of the Democratic County Chairman of Jefferson County, Mrs Anne Thompson #186, editor of the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette, and Ronald Kitchen #218. (Editors note - Ron & Jackie both are enthusastic about Political Americana and are teachers--they have recently moved back to Illinois.)

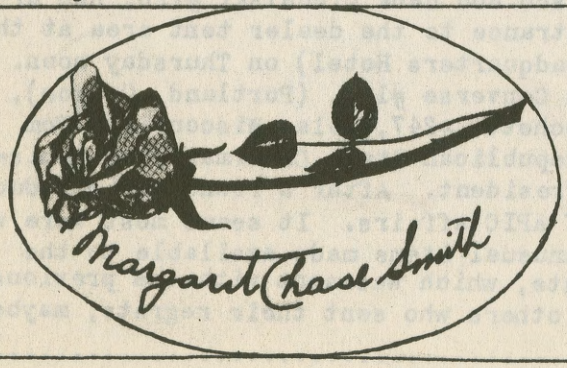
The members spent one Sunday from about noon until six at the home of the Friedman's discussing the hobby, trading and buying items and preparing the display. The display was arranged on white tag board, trimmed with red, white and blue crepe paper. Lettering was done with a DymaLabel Maker. Some of the older items were displayed around pictures of the President for whom the tokens, badges, etc., were made.

Arrangements for the exhibit weremade by Mrs. Friedman with the public relations director of the bank. The members requested that the display be in locked glass cases and away from the direct sunlight. The Bank asked to approve all publicity and that the members make an itemized list of what was being shown, which tied in with a broad coverage, all risk insurance policy on the items displayed.

Items displayed other than badges, buttons, and medals were; records, sheet music, a Dawes pipe, cigaretts, handkerchiefs, automobile license plates, etc. The display was quite well received and as a result of the display each person exhibiting received several items to add to their collections.

Area newspapers carried articles about the exhibit. The most complete coverage was given by the Denver Post, which had an article in the Sunday supplement, with pictures of Mrs. Don Friedman and the Kitchens.

This article gives a very good insite as to how to arrange a display and how a group of collectors can work together to further Political Americana and their collections. We hope to see more of this and would be happy to hear of such efforts.



Margaret Chase Smith, Nominated for President of the United States of America--do you realize that this is a first (for a major party). Yes her name was placed in Nomination and she received the votes of delegates of the 1964 Republican Convention. Her enthusasists wore red roses and the oval button, pictured. The buttons were most elusive and a conversation piece whenever one collector met another.

The Secretary's Corner

by Ferd O'Brien - Secretary-Treasurer.

Another great quarter for the APIC. Many newcomers to the hobby, as well as some advanced collectors who have just heard of us. A hearty welcome to all.

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Bob Sterling #173, our Secretary nominee, had a full news column in the Charleston Illinois daily. A fine story (by Bob we are sure) on the hobby in general, and a list of some of the great varities he has acquired.

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Nelson Chubb #165, had a full page picture spread and story in the Beverly Review of July 16, a Chicago paper. Nelson gives an account of the hobby and his interests which should appeal to the layman.

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From Ted Watts #146, we received an interesting letter and ten newspaper accounts with photos depicting political collections and displays in 1964. Ted suggests such material be preserved in the Secretary's "archive." Will do!

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Leonard Stark #149, has moved his shop to 112 South Dearborn in downtown Chicago. Lenny extends a welcome to his fellow A.P.I.C. from all around the country to stop in.

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Gus Miller #100, has food for thought in all his letters. In one he writes, "you might want to consider the appointment of certain officers who would take over such areas of activity as museums, colleges, neophyte collectors and those under 21. Also the problem of buying desirable items at cost for our membership."

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Ken Carpenter #293, would like his APIC code to read as follows (2-C-I-L-Q-U-V)

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As your outgoing Secretary may I leave you with this parting thought. Political Americana is a better medium of collecting, than stamps, coins or any field within reach of the average American. I have collected extensively in stamps and coins so have no axe to grind. Within the past six months at least fifty items have come to my attention on television and radio, and in the press and magazines extolling the objects we prize. The enthusiasm with which an exhibit is received by the public, and the pride and joy we know from each new piece we acquire, leaves no doubt that we have chosen the best.

Ferdinand W. O'Brien, Secretary-Treasurer

THIS AND THAT

In reply to the inquiry in the Spring KEYNOTER, Hal N. Ottaway #35, says that PTAP on the neck of the Bull Moose metal stud item means, PROGRESSIVE THIRD AMERICAN PARTY....Another question--have an inquiry as to what the button 'Member IGHAT Club'refers?....A satarical type booklet, entitled 'Instant Candidates '64' has been published by one of our members, Steve Neulander #208. Each page is split three ways, the head on one part, the torso on another and the legs on another, and by turning and matching up the different parts of the 1964 'hopefuls' bodies, you get some funny combinations.....The printer who laid-out the roster booklet mixed up the L's and M's, hope you have been able to find through it, surely sorry it happened....Dick Boyer #244, wrote to say his work schedule kept him from the S.F. luncheon and enclosed a hand-bill he sent out, which is really novel and the poetry is tops: "Collectors come and collectors go, Making Hobbies grow and grow, Campaign buttons line my wall, Election years add to my haul, I'm writing you with just one plea, Send all you find to little me, Every party and screwy slate, Every Presidential candidate, Every third party you can find,Every primary men left behind, All the items big or small, Buttons stickers junk and all, Don't throw them away-pick them up, Send them to Dick Boyer-he's a nut"..if he is, aren't we all--but what happy nuts, especially in an election year.....to the APIC 'dealers' who will be wanting a bourse table at our Hartford Convention--there will be a form along with the registration package, on which you can indicate that you want space--a special area will be provided for the exhibit and selling area and security precautions will be taken--everything will be done to see that our first Convention is a real success. Surely nice to hear that Monroe D. Ray #3, and R. H. Van Order #45, two of our oldest members are planning to be with us...Your President regrets that he is unable to answer all the correspondence...the press of work, plus the APIC details--makes it impossible.....

THE SUMMER KEYNOTER'S - THIRD PARTY NEWS

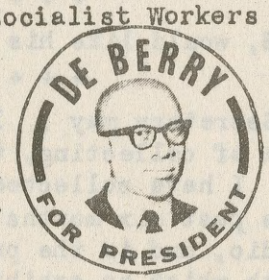
Once again many minor parties are on the 1964 political scene. This is just a partial listing of them, to be sure, and as others come to our attention, you will be kept informed. Any APIC member who has a clipping or news release or story of others, please pass it along so that our Fall KEYNOTER can have a complete list of the 1964 Candidates.

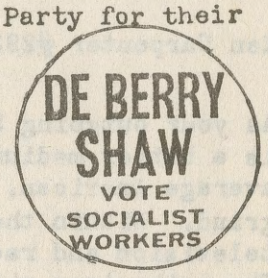
Over the years, there have been trends toward buttons,then toward literature, rather than buttons to present the minor party nominees. Candidates are rather well represented, in the early twentieth century, up 'till about 1920--from this period on the buttons are spotty and were just issued occasionally. It seems that the pendulum has begun to swing back, and several parties are issuing jugates as well as other items this year. I feel sure that the APIC, and the publicity our members are obtaining locally amd nationally, is playing its part in this change.

This is the first time in many years that the Prohibition Party has issued an official button, the jugate of E. Harold Munn and Mark R. Shaw, which was pictured in the last KEYNOTER, and sent to you. (There was a great amount of favorable comment on this enclosure and arrangements have been made for other parties items to be sent later.)

The Theocratic Party with Bishops Homer A. Tomlinson and W. R. Rogers, the candidates, have issued two name buttons of which one was pictured in the last KEYNOTER, the other is very similar but doesn't mention the V.P. candidate. A jugate will be ready about September first and the APIC will be sending one to each member with our next mailing.

There are two official 1¼" celluloids issued by the Socialist Workers Party for their candidates, Clifford DeBerry and Edward Shaw. Both items are pictured at right, and these buttons have also been ordered for distribution to the members of the APIC. Clifford DeBerry is the first negro to be chosen to head a party which will appear on an official state ticket. See the Spring KEYNOTER for additional information on the Socialist Workers Party.





The National States Rights Party which has nominated John Kasper for President and J. B. Stoner for Vice President have issued only a lapel emblem, a thunderbolt, An article about the party appeared in the Fall 1963 KEYNOTER, telling of their stand on the issues.

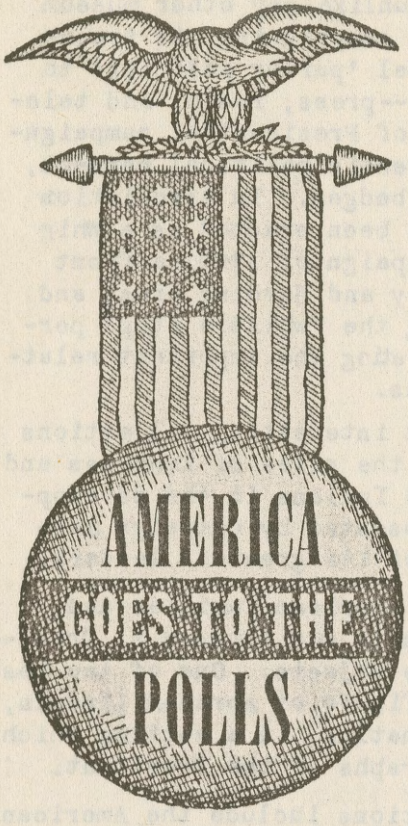
ERIC HASS HENNING BLOMEN

The Socialist Labor Party has issued only literature to date; their candidates who were nominated on May 1, in New York City are (fourth timer) Eric Hass and Henning A. Blomen as his running mate this time. The Arm and Hammer is the party emblem and they advocate the abolishment of the Capitalist system to be replaced by Industrial Constituencies and elected 'where one works'. Hass ran in 1952 with Stephen Emery, in '56 and '60 with Georgia Cozzini. The party polled a top vote of 47,522 in 1960 and one jugate button is known and was issued in 1960.

The Constitution Party met in Convention in Houston, Texas on July 20-21 and some fifty delegates from twelve states, nominated Joseph B. Lightburn for President and Theodore C. Billings for Veep. The ticket will appear on the ballot in Texas, New Mexico, and Washington--possibly more. Platform calls for repeal of the Civil Rights Act, elimination of federal aid to education and Congress to purchase the Federal Reserve Banks in addition to some twelve other planks.

The American Nazi Party's perennial leader, G. Lincoln Rockwell is heading their ticket. They pour out great quantities of vicious anti-jewish and anti-negro propaganda.

Several individuals are heading movements: Emil Matalik for President of the United Nations Party, advocating unified governments under UN authority, restricting each family to two children, also partiotism first to UN then to US...Mrs. L. D. Westerbeek is heading the Patriotic Protestants of America, United ticket. Thanks to Jack Putman #5, and Judy Lewis #204, for the newspaper articles on these last two.....whereelse but in America could we have such a diversified choice and the freedom to advocate such views.....MAY GOD GRANT THAT IT WILL EVER BE SO.....



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Probably the most extensive collection of presidential campaign material(memorabilia) ever assembled in one location will be on display during the Travelers 1964 exhibit of 'America Goes to the Polls'....This years exhibit will contain some 22,000 items from the private collection of Mr. J. Doyle DeWitt, a collection he started more than 30 years ago....This marks the third showing in Hartford of 'America Goes to the Polls' which began during the 1952 campaign. The 1956 display attracted some 75,000persons.

Included in the exhibit will be a likeness of everybody who has ever run for president on any ticket...and includes an original Mathew Brady photo of Abraham Lincoln taken 3 days before his birthday in 1864....Highlighted will be the Abraham Lincoln era, with a full-sized Civil War scene showing cavalry soldiers voting in the field with special lighting and sound effects.

Another outstanding feature will be the recordings of the actual voices of all U. S. presidents from Benjamin Harrison to the present, plus many of the hopefuls, --you'll hear part of the famous Bryan 'Cross of Gold' speech and the dynamic Eugene V. Debs and others. Visitors to this exhibit will be able to pick up a telephone located directly beneath a picture of the candidate whose voice they wish to hear. This will set off a specially edited one minute tape of the voice of the candidate.

Developed along chronological lines, the exhibit will take you first into an area which will feature pictures and mementos from the period of the so-called 'five kings' or first five presidents. Of special interest will be a bust of George Washington and a number of medalets from this period, most of which were issued after the men had been elected to office. They carry the image or appropriate inscriptions or insignia. Next you will enter an area containing the pictures of and mementos from the next ten presidents---from John Quincy Adams to James Buchanan. This is followed by the special Lincoln display....The largest section of the entire exhibit is that which covers the campaigns from 1868 through the election of 1960.

There are for instance, the clay pipe of Henry Clay, the roster in a hand for Winfield S. Hancock. There are Horace Greeley's quill pen, William McKinley's full dinner pail, Teddy's Rough Rider hat, Al Smith's famous brown derby, Herbert Hoover's high collar, and FDR's anti-18th Ammendment beer mug....There are 27 two-sided panels containing a vast collection of political cartoons from 1864 to about 1890....there are an array of campaign bandannas and neckties....pictures of candidates on bridle rosetts...all types of noisemakers and there is a small toy with puppets of Cleveland and Harrison which when held and rocked appears to have these two engaged in a fierce kicking battle.

There are hundreds of silk and twill ribbons and ferro-types and novelty label items in abundance. Pincushions, lanterns, jugs, flags of political candidates and even a Tammany Bank, showing a Tammany politician sitting in a throne like chair, which nods and deposits the coin in his pocket. A large number of walking canes, liguor flasks, snuff boxes and torches are included. One section is devoted to Carrie Nation and her fight for prohibition, while another deals with the issue of 'Votes for Women'.

All this is underone roof and the building will be appropriately decorated with pictures of the major party candidates, plus red, white and blue banners, they'll probably even rename the street 'Presidential Place'. This is one of the attractions of our 1964 APIC Convention....see you in Hartford August 21 and 22, 1964.

(The above taken from July-August 1964 - The Beacon)

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION - HALL OF HISTORIC AMERICANS

Opening on June 29, 1964, the Hall of Historic Americans is unlike any other museum exhibition in the U. S. Focusing on the history of political campaigning, it traces the development of campaign techniques from the era of genteel 'parlor politics' to the modern political use of the mass media of communications--press, radio, and television. A dramatic political parade illustrates the growth of Presidential campaigning between 1840 and 1930. Papier-mache marchers carry authentic political banners, pennants, and torchlights, and 'wear' campaign clothing and badges. In association with the parade are exhibited a log cabin such as might have been erected as a Whig party headquarters during the 'Log Cabin and Hard Cider' campaign of 1840, a front porch similar to those used by candidates during the McKinley and Harding eras, and the rear platform of a railroad observation car representing the 'whistle stop' period of campaigning. Following the parade is an area illustrating the important relationship between politics and the mass media of communications.

Other exhibitions in the hall show some of the Museum's most interesting collections relating to American history. Personal memorabilia suggest the roles of Congress and the Supreme Court, scholars, 'men of interprise,' women, and Indians in the development of this nation.....women's rights movements is represented by campaign materials and by personal memorabilia of Susan B. Anthony, one of its greatest leaders.

Newly designed exhibitions show memorabilia of distinguished American families and individuals--the Washington and Adams families, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant--in settings which give a heightened visual impression of the objects. One of the most interesting of these exhibitions places a newly sculptured figure of Abraham Lincoln, bearing the business suit he wore on the day of his assassination, in a setting which closely resembles that shown in several Mathew Brady photographs of the President.

Recent donors to the Smithsonian's political history collections include the American Red Cross, Mr. Ralph E. Becker (APIC#68), Miss Mary Louise Adams Clement, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mrs. Peter Jay, the Kiplinger Washington Agency, General George C. Marshall, the National Woman's Party and Mr. Walter Peter.

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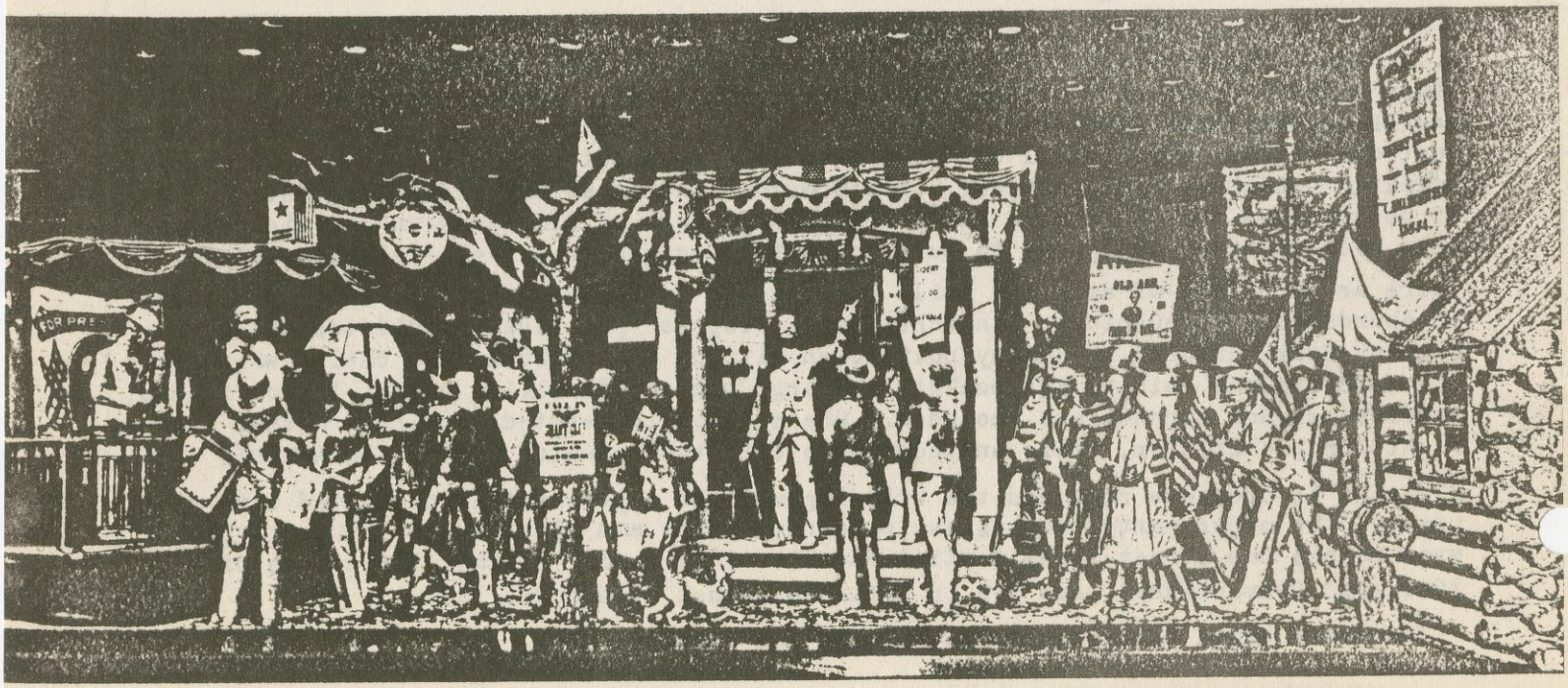
A special invitation to the opening seremonies was sent to the APIC, in care of your President. Three of our members had much to do with this wonderful new display, they are the Curator of the Division of Politcal History of the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Wilcomb E. Washburn #69, Assistant Curator Herbert R. Collins #3 , and Ralph E. Becker #68.....



The Smithsonian's POLITICAL PARADE - photo by Smithsonian Institution.